

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

**ABSTRACT**

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~~The invention relates to a~~ A field bus distribution unit (VE) designed for use in process automation technology involving several field devices. ~~Said~~ The unit is equipped with a microcontroller  $\mu$ C, which is connected to ~~the~~ a field bus (FB) and transmits device-specific information of the field devices that are connected to the field bus distribution unit (VE).